

WOOTTON VALLEY NEWS

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FOREST LEAF-TAILED GECKO

(genus *Saltuarius*)

Arjen found this leaf-tailed gecko in his bathtub, probably looking for large insects, cockroaches and spiders.

They are nocturnal tree dwellers in rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests. This one must like human houses, and keeps coming back inside after *Arjen* puts him out to free up the bathtub.

Read more at [Forest Leaf-tailed Geckos \(Genus *Saltuarius*\)](#)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The details of all Events will be confirmed on Social Media and conducted in accordance with Public Health Orders. Wootton Community facebook group	
Fri 9 June	• Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday
Sat 10 June	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap midday. <i>Peter D 0478 741 111</i>
Sun 11 June	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 13 June	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am-11.30
Fri 16 June	• Brush Turkey Café: Art exhibition opening 6pm (<i>details p3</i>)
Sun 2 to Sun 9 July NAIDOC Week—For Our Elders	
Sat 8 July	• Wootton Hall/shelter shed: Foodswap <i>Peter D 047 874 1111</i>
Sun 9 July	• Wootton Fire Brigade Shed: training, Squires Rd 8am
Tue 11 July	• Brush Turkey Café: WCN committee meeting all welcome 10am-11.30
Fri 14 July	Wootton Library: Community Hall, 10am to midday
Sat 15 July	• Wootton Hall: Community BBQ from 1pm.
Sat 15 July	**Copy deadline for Wootton Valley News**

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Upcoming Events



FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

NAIDOC Week – July 2-9 Wootton Hall

There will be an Aboriginal art workshop held on **Sunday 2nd July** to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

The workshop will be conducted by

Chris George and held in the Wootton Hall from 9am – 2pm. Participants will learn about Aboriginal art history and concepts and create their own small personal artwork on the day. Cost is \$20 per person and includes all materials and a small canvas. Bookings are limited to 20 people (10 yrs old and above) on a first in first served basis and can be made by contacting *Chris* on 0411036917.

Community BBQ Saturday 15 July Wootton Hall. There will be a community fundraising BBQ at the Wootton Hall on Saturday 15th July from 1pm. There will be assorted meats, salads and desert provided for a \$25 cover cost. Please bring your own nibbles and refreshments and enjoy a winters afternoon in the sun (fingers crossed) and some great community company.

***** Save the date and please check the website, emails and social media posts for news about these events and more. *****

All these events are coordinated and run by WCN volunteers, and all funds raised contribute directly to the maintenance and upkeep of all our Wootton Community Network buildings and facilities.



Foodswap is continuing through winter, with loads of local produce and conversations to be shared at midday on the second Saturday of each month.

The Anything Birds art exhibition had its launch on Friday 31st March at the café.



The launch saw a great array of works being shown by local artists and crafts people. There were pieces supplied from the very young to elders of the community with a wide variety of mediums and styles of art,

sculptures and models. A large number of people attended the night and were very impressed with the work on display. The exhibition has run for several months and a good number of sales have been generated from its presence in the café. A big shout out to all the participating artists and crafts people. Special mention to *Neal* and *Jo* from Hardwood Espresso and the WCN for their promotion and support of the exhibition and to *Judith Morrison* for her stellar efforts to coordinate the entire exhibition.

Huge thank you to
Carol Bridge for
organising and to
Hardwood Espresso for
supporting the **Biggest
Morning Tea Fri 26 May**



Wootton Library open 3rd Friday each month 10am to midday

Welcome to new committee members *Carol Bridge* (l) and *Victoria Norman* (r) and a great big thankyou to retiring President *Sue Williams*. Committee meetings are held on **each month from 10.00am to 12 noon** (see community calendar) in the Brush Turkey Café and **open to the community to attend**, please RSVP info@wootton.org.au



Personal exhibition 16 June to 9 July: An exhibition of personal works by Chris George will be held in the Hardwood Café from late June until the end of NAIDOC Week in July 2023. These works will be presented in a variety of styles – art, sculpture and woodworks ranging from traditional Aboriginal artefacts and tools to contemporary artworks. The exhibition will open on Friday 16th June 2023 at 6pm at the Brush Turkey café. The duration of the exhibition will correspond with the opening hours of Hardwood Espresso every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am – 11.30am.



Size Matters Exhibition

The WCA will be presenting another community exhibition of works titled 'Size Matters' at the Hardwood Café from July – September 2023. This exhibition will focus on works that are of a set size but open to all types of mediums, styles and concepts. The exhibition will be accessible to local Wootton creatives of all ages and experiences and will correspond with the opening hours of the Hardwood Café every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am – 11.30am.

If you are interested in participating, please email the WCA wcalliance2423@gmail.com for further information and to be put on the emailing list.

All payments and registration for events is now available on the Wootton Community website

<https://wootton.org.au/upcoming-events/>

(If you don't have web access contact Treasurer Leanne Wright 4997 7201)



Anything Birds opening night



Wootton Rural Fire Brigade **SUPPORT POSITION VACANT** **work at home, safe from fires**

Wootton RFS is seeking a person interested in being the Brigade Treasurer. **If you have basic bookkeeping skills and are keen to volunteer then please contact us.** You will need to join the RFS and complete some online materials but you are NOT required to fight fires and do call outs. For more information please contact the Captain **Adam Garnett** 0428 272 629 Permit Officers **Mike Coventry** 0407 458 167; **Renee Spiteri** 4997 7149

**EVEN IN THE NON-PERMIT MONTHS YOU
MUST CONTACT RFS AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS
AT LEAST 24 hrs BEFORE LIGHTING UP**

Use these links to [FIND OUT MORE](#)
and to [USE THE ONLINE NOTIFICATION FORM](#)

A big crowd met in Krumbach to learn about **Dung beetles for our farms**. The drought and fires killed many of them, and lots of the survivors have drowned in the wet years. Several properties volunteered to host “nurseries” and help them re-establish in our area. You can find out more from **David Deane at Hunter Local Land Services**
0411 108 961 david.deane@lls.nsw.gov.au



Mid Coast 2 Tops
Landcare
Connection

Bushfire Resilient Garden tours/workshops
Tinonee Sat 10 June, Bobin Sat 22 July,
Hallidays Pt Sat 19 August



Jo and Rob Willis have designed bushfire resilient gardens and you are invited to tour and join the working bees. Find out how to choose plants, address bushfire attacks, protect property and make your garden more resilient.

<https://midcoastgrowers.weebly.com/resource-hub.html>

For more Landcare news and events contact local [groups and coordinators](#).



CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Kate Hosey of Bellara Stud who exhibited their Thoroughbred Mare “Famed” at Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023. Famed not only took the win in her class but was then awarded **Best Thoroughbred Exhibit** of the show. *Photo by Rodney's Photography.*

Did you miss out on the [Wootton Food Swap in Wootton Hall](#) at midday on the 2nd Saturday this month? You will be welcome on [the 3rd Saturday for the Seed Circle](#) from 10am, at the War Memorial Hall, Crawford St, Bulahdelah. Share produce and tips on nurturing your garden through winter, the ideal time for carrots, lettuce, peas, coriander and spring bulbs. *Last chance to plant your garlic!*



FluTracking
Tracking COVID-19

[FluTracking an online health](#) surveillance system used to detect the potential spread of influenza and COVID-19. Whether you're vaccinated or not, you can help track influenza and COVID-19 in your local community and nation-wide. Over the 17 years the survey has been running in Australia, and now 5 years in New Zealand, we have grown up to 110,000 participants per week. **Thank You, FluTrackers!**

GRAZING MANAGEMENT & PRODUCTION THROUGH WINTER

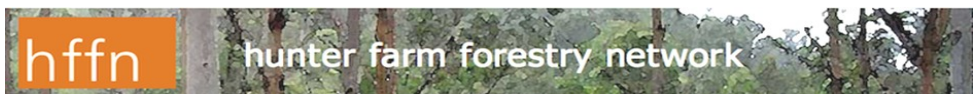
Thursday 15 June, Singleton. Grazing management to manage the winter feed gap and maximise production through winter. David Deane 0411 108 961
david.deane@lfs.nsw.gov.au



HOLLOWHOG— **making new homes for native animals.** Around 30 people attended *Peter* and *Megan's* place in early May for a Landcare field day



demonstrating Hollowhog - a new technique for creating habitat for hollow dependent wildlife inside living trees. The Hollowhog creates large internal cavities (up to about 600mm wide and long by 600mm deep) through small entry holes in both living and dead wood. Participants watched the installation of a Hollowhog by *Ryan Darrington*, and heard from *Jessica Leck* about research comparing Hollowhog and other "nest boxes". *Kym* and *Stan* from [FAWNA](#) were also on site with information about accessing and installing FAWNA nest boxes. Natural tree hollows are essential for many of our local wildlife species. They provide shelter from the weather and predators, and safe places for resting and breeding. Hollows can take over 50 years to form and usually only form in trees that are hundreds of years old, but they are quickly destroyed during land clearing or forestry or through the catastrophic fire events, like those we have experienced in recent years. Loss of hollow-bearing trees displaces or kills wildlife dependent on those hollows so it's incredibly important to protect hollows and, where they have been lost, to provide alternative habitat. *Megan*



Native Plantation Management, Wootton Sunday 25 June 2023

Walk & talk through establishment, management and selective harvesting in a diverse native forest plantation with the owners and other passionate people.

RSVP HFFN Secretary Secretary@hffn.org.au Phone: 6547 3552



IS PASTURE ENOUGH? SUPPLEMENTS AND SILAGE, Tuesday 13 June, Gloucester. Dr Neil Moss will lead a discussion day on the strategic role of supplements. Drought preparation is one reason but there are also annual benefits. Peter Beale peter.beale@lfs.nsw.gov.au 0427007468

**Please use the Wootton Website if possible
for memberships and events payments/bookings.**

Otherwise, direct deposit for all **MEMBERSHIPS** (\$20pp) and **EVENTS PAYMENTS**, to **Wootton Community Network Inc.**

- **CBA Forster BSB 062669 Account No 10250496**
- Reference = Name and Reason eg "Joe Blow mship" or "Jill Doe Feb dinner"
- Please email when paid to notify the Treasurer treasurer@wootton.org.au

Wootton Directory contains important local contacts. **Always dial 000 for Emergency.**



Wootton Community Network

Chairperson: TBA

Secretary: Robyn Piper

Treasurer: Leanne Wright 4997 7201

Email: info@wootton.org.au

Wootton Creative Alliance:

wca@wootton.org.au

FoodSwap: Peter Dixon 0478741111

Bookings—all facilities

Celebrating something special? Running a Course or a Market?

Getting people together?

Sue Williams 0438 433 063

Wootton Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adam Garnett 0428 272 629

Sen Dep Capt: Bernard Carran 0409684177

www.facebook.com/woottonrfs

Midcoast Fire Control

Burnoff notifications 1300 643 262
(24hour prior notice)

Karuah Great Lakes Landcare

joel.kgl.landcare@gmail.com

Joël Dunn 0401 932 533

Wootton - Topi Topi Sustainable Farming Group

Fred Fetherston 0427 461 101

MidCoast Council: 6591 7222

State Forests Wauchope 6585 3744

Bulahdelah Police: **4940-7470**

State Emergency Service 132 500

Local Land Services

Wild dogs Laurie Mullen 0407 785 007

Rural Resilience Group

Peter Brown 0437 671 459

National Parks & Wildlife 6591 0300

Fawna Wildlife Rescue 6581-4141

Electricity Essential Energy 13 20 80

Wootton Justices of the Peace (JPs)

Warren Richardson 0407 146 373

Paul Spiteri 0407 298 954

Renee Spiteri 0407 516 089

Gary Cross 0418 251 090

**Bulahdelah Waste Facility
opening hours**

Tues 1-5pm, Fri 12-4, Sun 10-2

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Yoga Classes with Naomi Patton

Wootton Hall. Mondays 9-10am we unwind with a gentle yin/restorative class, suitable for everyone, even those nursing injuries. Wednesdays from 9.15-10.45am it's an active Hatha class where we get moving. All welcome. 0414 387 008

Celebrant—Karen George

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 **MIDCOAST council**

Put out 3&4 for pickup 7 June

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

(Free mattress drop-off at waste management centres 15 May to 30 June)

MOON PHASES

FULL MOON
4 June & 3 July

NEW MOON
18 June & 18 July

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